

## Election of 3 Deanery Synod Representatives 2023

### Jules Cunningham

#### Jo Hines



Jo has been part of the St James's community for over twenty years, and values it above all as a place where faith can be explored and shared, where no opinions are frowned on, where difference is cherished and there is freedom and room to grow.

She was churchwarden from 2009-2016 and, after a few years' break, has been a deanery synod rep since 2020. She is looking for a further term on the deanery synod as the next few years will be a critical time for the deanery as well as for St James's and it is important that our voice is heard clearly. She has also been a part of the Wren group from its beginning.

As well as helping to run small businesses, she has written several novels and is now focussed on non fiction.

Jo believes the message of St James's Church, its openness and energy, is more important now than ever before. It's not for everyone, but our task is to find ways to reach people who, like us, will feel they have found their spiritual 'home' with this unusual group of pilgrims.

The next three years is likely to be a challenging period for our community, and in a time of rapid change we need to be generous with each other, mindful of stresses - and make use of every opportunity to celebrate our unique faith contribution.

#### Tracy McKeever



I joined SJP as a verger in 2015 and have embraced the community and core values of the church and try to embody them in everything I do. I feel as though I have found my spiritual home within the community here and continue to actively contribute to the life of the church in whatever way I can.

With my knowledge of SJP from being both staff and a member of the congregation I already have a good understanding of how the church operates and runs day to day, and also see it as a family and I would like to help and contribute my skills and knowledge in a new way and help the church with its next chapter by being part of the PCC and to represent the church at the Deanery Synod.